## 1.0 Board of Pardons

# **Summary**

The Board of Pardons is the release authority for inmates in the State of Utah.

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 99/00
Financing	<b>Estimated</b>	Analyst	Difference
General Fund	\$2,323,300	\$2,323,200	(\$100)
Dedicated Credits	7,000	10,000	3,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	145,100	50,000	(95,100)
Ending Nonlapsing	(50,000)		50,000
Lapsing			
Total	\$2,425,400	\$2,383,200	(\$42,200)
Programs			
Board of Pardons	\$2,425,400	\$2,327,400	(\$98,000)
Total	\$2,425,400	\$2,327,400	(\$98,000)
Building Blocks		\$55,800	\$55,800
Total	\$2,425,400	\$2,383,200	(\$42,200)

# 2.0 Budget Highlights

## **Case Analyst**

To assist in analysis and processing of materials for the hearing officers the Analyst is recommending \$55,800 in General Funds, from base budget savings, and 1 FTE.

Case Analyst	FY 2000
General Fund	\$55,800
Total	\$55,800

### 3.0 Program: Board of Pardons

#### Recommendation

The Analyst recommends a continuation budget for this program.

	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 99/00
Financing	Actual	<b>Estimated</b>	Analyst	Difference
General Fund	\$2,208,900	\$2,323,300	\$2,267,400	(\$55,900)
Dedicated Credits	400	7,000	10,000	3,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	169,200	145,100	50,000	(95,100)
Ending Nonlapsing	(145,100)	(50,000)		50,000
Lapsing				
Total	\$2,233,400	\$2,425,400	\$2,327,400	(\$98,000)
Programs				
Board of Pardons	\$2,233,400	\$2,425,400	\$2,327,400	(\$98,000)
Total	\$2,233,400	\$2,425,400	\$2,327,400	(\$98,000)
Expenditure Categories				
Personal Services	\$1,675,200	\$1,723,200	\$1,717,300	(\$5,900)
Travel	22,900	17,800	17,800	(1-)/
Current Expense	475,700	476,800	529,800	53,000
Current Expense DP	59,600	62,500	62,500	,
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Other				
Pass thru		145,100		(145,100)
Total	\$2,233,400	\$2,425,400	\$2,327,400	(\$98,000)

#### **Summary**

The Board of Pardons is the release authority for inmates in the State of Utah. The Board is responsible for reviewing an inmate's performance after the inmate is incarcerated, and determining when and under what conditions the inmate may be released after serving the minimum sentence required by law. In addition, the Board reviews violations of release conditions to decide whether an inmate should be sent back to prison, etc.

Although the Board of Pardons is budgeted with Corrections and works closely with them, the Executive Director of Corrections does not have line authority over the Board and cannot direct the Board of Pardons to release inmates early, impose release conditions, etc.

As of July 1, 1983, the Board of Pardons went from a part-time to a full-time Board. As a quasi-judicial body, the Board has a tremendous responsibility not only for public safety and inmate equity of treatment, but for the record keeping and process that must meet stringent legal scrutiny. In Utah most sentencing is indeterminate, and the Board, de facto, becomes the final sentencing authority and sets the standard for length of confinement for most felons.

### **Case Analyst**

To assist in analysis and processing of materials for the hearing officers the Analyst is recommending \$55,800 in General Funds and 1 FTE.

Case Analyst	FY 2000
General Fund	\$55,800
Total	\$55,800

### **Performance**

The offender population has increased 86 percent since 1990 while the Board's staff has increases only 41 percent. Parole violation hearings have increased 104 percent and are scheduled 90 days in the future. Hearings, and the prerequisite staff preparation, need to reduce this period to 30 days or less so as to remove unsuccessful parolees from further harming society.

# 4.0 Tables

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000
Financing	Actual	Actual	<b>Estimated</b>	Analyst
General Fund	\$2,104,600	\$2,208,900	\$2,323,300	\$2,323,200
Dedicated Credits	2,200	400	7,000	10,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	141,200	169,200	145,100	50,000
Ending Nonlapsing	(169,100)	(145,100)	(50,000)	
Lapsing				
Total	\$2,078,900	\$2,233,400	\$2,425,400	\$2,383,200
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	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000
Programs	Actual	Actual	<b>Estimated</b>	Analyst
Board of Pardons	\$2,078,900	\$2,233,400	\$2,425,400	\$2,383,200
Total	\$2,078,900	\$2,233,400	\$2,425,400	\$2,383,200

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	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000
FTE	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Analyst
Board of Pardons	32.50	32.50	32.50	33.50